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## NEW BOSS OF WOMEN'S PRESS CLUB

# *Star's Mariam Ottenberg Is Lauded at Installation*

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The Women's National Press Club has elected a "first class newspaperman" president—take her boss's word for it.

"That should be applauded," Evening Star Editorial Chairman Benjamin McKelway told the several hundred ladies and their escorts attending her installation in office at the International Club buffet cocktail party last night as he described crime reporter Miriam Ottenberg as a newspaperman.

He gently chided the ladies for being "an extremist movement" and trying to eliminate the "too few pleasures of moderates—sin."

He said Miss Ottenberg had had her pre-World War II job interview in "a highchair."

"I remember it well," he reminisced. "She was clutching a rag doll—dressed like a racketeer. I can hear her innocent childish laughter and her occasional shrieks of delight—as she stuck pins in it.

"The doll," he said, "is still in Miss Ottenberg's city room desk 'full of pins and needles'—but she always can find room for one more."

Also praising Miss Ottenberg, a Pulitzer Prize winning reporter covering the Justice Department, was Atty. General Robert Kennedy.

### "EXTREMISM"

He humorously quoted Miss Ottenberg after a recent jail break: "Extremism in pursuit of liberty is no vice," Mr. Kennedy claimed she said.

Senate Rackets Committee Chairman John McClellan (D-Ark.) confessed the Senate was worried about Miss Ottenberg's

investigative instincts. He promised "wholehearted co-operation" in an investigation of "any branch of government."

He said the Senate could take care of itself with a new committee created after the recent (Bobby) Baker probe. He assured the press he was confident the new committee "will investigate as little as possible."

Former CIA head Allen Dulles warned the women Miss Ottenberg might start an unprecedented investigation of the press.